

REMARKS

The application has been amended to distinguish the claimed invention over the cited prior art, and to place the application, as a whole, into *prima facie* condition for allowance. Substantial care has been taken to avoid the introduction of any new subject matter into the application as a result of the foregoing amendments.

Applicant's new undersigned attorney respectfully submits that inasmuch as the file has only recently been received from the prior attorneys of record, and authorization to respond to the pending office action has only recently been received from Applicant, Applicant's new undersigned attorney has not yet had the opportunity to obtain execution by Applicant's assignee of a revocation and substitute power of attorney, and Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b), but is in the process of obtaining execution of said documents, which will be filed shortly. In the interim, entry and acceptance of the present response to the Final Office Action of October 24, 2005, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34, based on Applicant's new undersigned attorney's execution of the present Amendment and Communication after Final Action, are respectfully solicited.

Applicant again acknowledges, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 1 - 17, 19, 21 - 23 distinguish over the prior art. Applicant has cancelled claims 18 and 20, as indicated hereinbelow, and otherwise addressed the informalities, so as to place the application into *prima facie* condition for allowance.

Claims 1, 12, 16, 19, and 21 have been objected to because "cocalkylamine" is misspelled; in claim 5, line 1, "gas" should be "gaseous"; and in claim 9, line 1, "heated" should be "pre-heated". Applicant has amended the claims as indicated, and respectfully submits that the Examiner's bases for objection to claims 1, 12, 16, 19, and 21 should be deemed overcome.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 12 and 21 are now in a *prima facie* condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to claims 1, 12 and 21, and allowance thereof are respectfully solicited.

Inasmuch as dependent claims 2 - 11, 13 - 17, 19, and 22 - 23 merely serve to further define the subject matter of independent claims 1, 12 and 21, which themselves should be allowed, dependent claims 2 - 11, 13 - 17, 19, and 22 - 23 likewise should be allowed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to dependent claims 2 - 11, 13 - 17, 19, and 22 - 23, and allowance thereof are respectfully solicited.


Without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's substantive bases for rejection of claims 18 and 20, Applicant has cancelled claims 18 and 20. Applicant has cancelled all claims not already indicated as being allowable. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing amendments raise no new issues and require no additional searching on the part of the Examiner. Therefore, entry and acceptance of the foregoing amendments, towards withdrawal of the objections to rejections of the application, and allowance thereof, are respectfully solicited.

Applicant submits that the application as a whole, including all of claims 1 - 17, 19, 21 - 23, is now in *prima facie* condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully solicited.

Should anything further be required, a telephone call to the undersigned at (312) 456-5019 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this AMENDMENT AND COMMUNICATION is being transmitted via telecopier, to Examiner Frederick J. Parker, Art Unit 1762, United States Patent and Trademark Office, to telecopier number 571-273-8300, on February 24, 2006.

